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plus
"what's on"

City Landlord 'Robs' Tenants

RONALD T. BARNET, LANDLORD, TRADING AS BARNET FLATS OF 15 GROSVENOR CRES GLASGOW, USES A SIMPLE DEVICE TO EVADE AND ABUSE THE 1974 RENT ACT AND BY SO DOING RAKES IN AN ESTIMATED £40,000 PER YEAR OVER AND ABOVE A 'FAIR RENT' LEVEL FROM THE LETTING OF HIS 200 FLATS.

By including provision for breakfast Barnett robs his tenants of the protection of registering with the Rent Tribunal for a fair rent. He is thus free to charge his tenants any rent he wishes, which you can bet is well above a fair rent level.

Less Patterning Breakfast

However, Barnett's breakfast device is an even bigger abuse of the Rent Act than might at first be suspected. By far the majority of his tenants don't actually get any breakfast at all! If they wanted it they'd have to travel to 3 Athole Gdns between 8.00 and 9.15 each morning, which isn't possible if working and is a bloody drag if you've to walk over a mile before eating breakfast. No wonder Barnett's cook told the GPP that out of about 200 tenants only 6 come for breakfast!

Disincentive

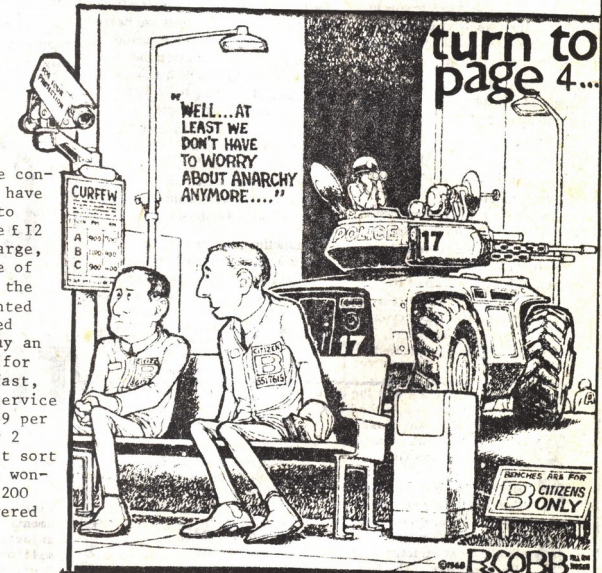
But Barnett does make concessions. Tenants can have breakfast delivered to their flat for a mere £12 per month service charge, to be paid in advance of course. According to the lease if a couple wanted 2 breakfasts delivered they would have to pay an extra £15 per month for the additional breakfast, plus twice the £12 service charge - an extra £39 per month in all just for 2 breakfasts! With that sort of disincentive small wonder that none of the 200 tenants have it delivered to their flats.

Can't Win

So, Barnett's tenants lose both ways. They can't register their rents with the Rent Tribunal because of the breakfast provision in the contract, although most never see even a boiled egg!

Typical tenants are a couple (names and addresses withheld in case of repercussions from Barnett - tenants who get 'breakfast' have no security of tenure) whose rent is £50 per month for 1 room, shared kitchen and bathroom. A comparable registered rent is £30 per month, so Barnett's rake-off is £20 per month for that 1 room, and he lets 200

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OCTOBER '78

State Scroungers

The Social Security has swindled claimants out of £300m. Nearly one million people did not receive benefit to which they were entitled.

These figures were published last month in a report by the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The report stated that only 75% of entitled benefit was claimed.

However if you earn over £5,000 a year, don't let your conscience trouble you, for the Commission report assures us that over 25% of those people are not *totally* destitute. They may only be losing less than £1 or only a month's benefit.

The report goes on to say—showing the concern for the needy for which they are famous—"But it would be wrong to draw the opposite conclusion that they are living in relative affluence and we should cease to be concerned about them."

Bloody right! If I lost £1 out of my meagre £13, it is beyond doubt that I would no longer be living in "affluence".

And who is to blame for this disgraceful state of affairs? Why, the claimant of course.

The Chairman of the commission, David Donaldson, said that people did not get their money because of a "mixture of pride, ignorance, a sense of stigma, a reluctance to make the effort that a claim calls for, a desire for self-sufficiency on the part of an individual family, unwillingness to become involved

Any claimant might give a different story. They would mention the long waits, being forced to drag children back and forth between offices, the mountains of useless bureaucracy and the whole general system of deliberately humiliating, intimidating and threatening claimants.

As for "ignorance" of the mountain of jargonised crap they call 'information leaflets'—just try asking for them and see where it gets you.

Mr Donaldson has a short memory. Only a few months ago he talked to representatives from Claimants Unions up and down the country who has a few things to say about why benefit was not claimed.

One of the main functions of the Claimants Unions is to give people information they need to fight

for their claim—and it really is a fight. However, several SS offices had banned then from handing out information in the office. In other cases, the clerks refused to deal with a claimant who had anything to do with the Claimants Union people.

In NO cases known to the C.U. members have the Social Security staff made an effort to inform people of their full entitlement. In many cases the clerks were themselves ignorant of what a claimant was due.

The sanctimonious tone of this report is a piece of prime hypocrisy.

It would be more honest to print the unwritten rules of the whole social security system—"Keep 'em scared, keep 'em humble and keep 'em ignorant."

D.C. (Bread and Roses).

(Reprinted from Solidarity, vol. II, No. 1)

T In the Beginning was the Rule
H And the Rule was in the Book
E And the Rule was Boss
S And the Boss was God
O So the Rule was God.
S But woe unto them that worketh to Rule
S For the Rule worketh not
P (Even as the Boss worketh not)
E And upon them that abide by the Rule of the Boss
I Shall great strictures and vengeance be visited
 By the press of the Boss, thy God.
 For the Rule worketh not
 Even though it be written in the Book
 By the Boss and His agents in the working class movement
 Great therefore is the woe to the National Economy.
 For the Boss thy God, who created the Rule,
 Who created the Book,
 Is the Creator of great confusion.
 And they that worketh to His Rule
 Shall post Epistles that shall not arrive
 But be lost forever.
 They shall sit all day in Great Confusion
 In trains that runneth not
 Even according to the Rule of the Boss, thy God
 They shall assemble faulty components
 Following blueprints that meaneth little.
 For although He made Heaven and Earth
 The Boss resideth outside of production
 And knoweth not its ways and means
 Therefore thou shalt do only the works of the Boss, thy God
 - And this sparingly -
 Thou shalt heed not His Rules
 Thou shalt use thy loaf
 Thou shalt take over His factories and manage production
 For the Boss is both alpha and omega
 The Beginning and End of Great Confusion.

E. Morse

GOOD WORK

Waiting for a bus, you hear that the busworkers have decided on a selected stoppage. Perhaps its a 'Work to Rule' or maybe the buses only go half-way to their normal destination. Either way its no joke for you. Inclined as you might be to support a busworker protest for more pay, shorter hours or against assaults, its difficult to sympathise when you're in the situation of standing in the pouring rain with weans & messages to carry.

ALL THIS COULD BE AVOIDED. DISRUPTING THE SCHEDULES OF THE GGPTE MIGHT GIVE THEM HEADACHES BUT ULTIMATELY



ITS THE PASSENGER WHO IS MADE TO SUFFER. THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE 'GOOD WORK STRIKE'.

At the time of the campaign to resist the closure of Partick Garage in March 1976, the Action Group came up with the idea of the GOOD WORK STRIKE. What this means is that a group of workers provide the paying public with a better service - at the expense of their Boss. On this occasion the threat was raised of passengers travelling for a single minimum fare for any distance they desired.

Isn't this a better industrial tactic? The Boss, Bureaucrat & order-givers in general get the message loud & clear, while the consumer or passenger instead of being 'piggy in the middle' & possibly losing both ways in fact benefits. This way public support would be ensured.

an article from BIG PRINT Aberdeen's Other Paper no.3

THE RIGHT TO

Whenever unemployment is discussed two things are certain. One that numbers will be quoted. Two that the discussion will end with a call to the government to do something. Like injecting several thousand million pounds to help "reflate the economy."

The number of people unemployed quoted officially is a considerable underestimate. It's really the number of people registered as unemployed. For example, because they are not entitled to benefit many women do not register. The true number of unemployed could easily be 2½ million.

If the government do reflate the economy later this year, they will be trying to make British industry as 'efficient' and profitable as possible. As they are running an economic system based on financial profit and the kind of 'efficiency' that goes with it, they have no choice about their priorities. If anyone is being made redundant as a result of new manufacturing methods being introduced to 'rationalise' production they have

first hand proof that 'efficiency' and jobs do not always go together.

When unemployment started to rise the Trade Union leaders issued grave warnings about what would happen if the number of unemployed reached ½ million...1 million...1½ million. The government pledged it would do everything in its power to keep the jobless total down. The opposition attacked the government for its position on unemployment. Those out of work are used as a political football to be kicked around by government, opposition, TU leaders, and assorted political factions.

A reduction in the working week with no reduction in pay could make a real impact on unemployment. It would give us more leisure time as well. The advantages to us are obvious. But most employers would feel that such a socially desirable proposal was against their interests, - some 'persuasion' will be needed.

Proposals are put forward for import controls. The arguments for controls might sound attractive.

STRIKE



The tactic doesn't only apply to transport workers. In general the 'strike' can be applied to 'Service' occupations. For example, shop-workers could consistently under-charge & give over-weight quantities of food etc. (see Axe to Grind article, page 7). In construction trades emphasis on good workmanship, even with the shoddiest of materials could have a similar effect. There are lots of

situations where the tactic might be unfeasible. But even situations like car production offers potential - more quality than you bargained for, & at the bosses expense & time.

However, like most things there is a catch. Unless you can 'carry on the good work' virtually undetected, the question of workers solidarity is crucial.

This very issue was one of the stumbling blocks in the above mentioned Partick Garage resistance. Some other garages, probably with Union influence at work, decided not to back the Partick tactic of charging a minimum fare. Without the assurance of solidarity if they and other busworkers went ahead, they decided to try it the 'normal' way. With the results that Partick no longer exists & passenger/busworker unity is more removed than before. At the other end of it, 'the public' practice informal resistance to consumption. Liberating goods

& fare dodging (or paying a lower fare) are reaching massive proportions - and the Authorities don't like it! On the buses, the GGPTE propagandise for us to pay 'correct fares' or risk £100 fines & its a sign of the authoritarian conditioning in this society that not only Inspectors but some busworkers waste their energy enforcing fare collection.

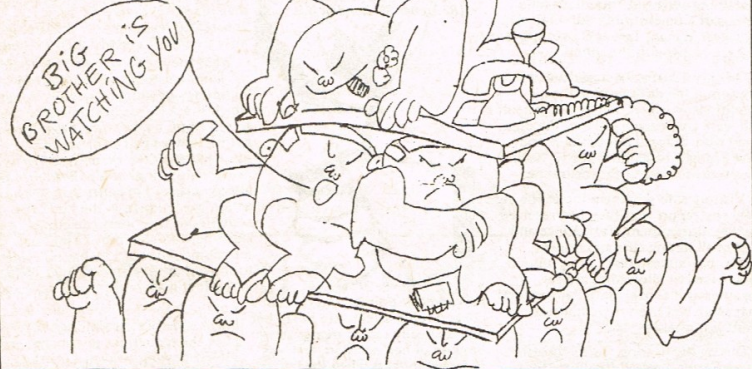
The GOOD WORK STRIKE is only one of a whole series of tactics which workers can employ to pursue their own demands. Informal resistance, working to ones own ideas of RULES, happens all the time. In turn, Management attempts to be 'scientific' and introduces Work study, job evaluation, quality control, progress-chasing, critical path analysis, inspection, and related pyramids within industry, to name a few!

Mindboggling stuff but nothing more than counter-attacks on workers' control to ensure profits through "stimulating productivity" and all that crap.

Apart from the Boss and the hierarchy of order-givers which serve "The Company" (a recent Dr. Who episode highlighted an extreme case where time, everything was quantified & reduced to Money), the other lot to worry about are the Unions.

The 'Left' prattle on about winning control of Union posts, conveniently obscuring that "Workers power" as they call it, can only be effectively expressed by bypassing the Official/Normal channels where negotiations water down demands. Tactics such as the GOOD WORK STRIKE will only be employed to good effect if apathy gives way to asserting ones ability to manage our struggles for ourselves, and in our own interests. Authorities tremble in their boots at the prospect!

Various 'Solidarity' pamphlets widen some of the points in this article:- The Lordstown Struggle, 20p GMWU Scab Union, 10p Trade Unionism or Socialism -10p. On the Buses, 10p. Under New Management, 10p. These can be had from "The Source" or the Alternative Bookshop Collective, page 6.



WORK?

Won't they save jobs, particularly in industries where there is fierce foreign competition? But what happens when other governments retaliate?

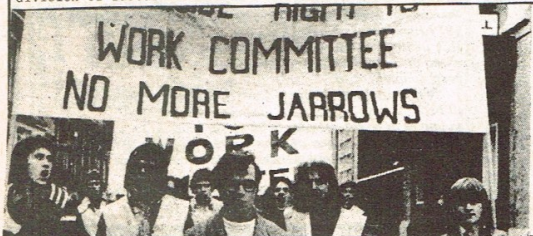
But imagine we could have (literally) 'full employment' or 'the right to work'. It would mean that from the time people left school or college to the time that they retired most people would be guaranteed a job that bored them, a job that they had no control over, often a job that was totally purposeless or even harmful - just to get enough money to allow them to live.

Because of this society's artificial and unfair division of labour between

the sexes, the experience of men and women when unemployed is usually very different. Women, when they are laid off, usually find they have plenty to do. Before they had two jobs. One - called 'work' - which they got paid for. And one - called 'housework' and 'looking after the family' - which they didn't get paid for. After being made redundant they still find themselves 'in work' at their second job. For men it's different. They find out how much work dominated their lives, they feel useless and even ashamed, as if it was their own fault. They are suffering from the results of a social system which has told them that their main purpose in life is to work - and then can't even guarantee work for them.

If people can avoid being trapped by shame and depression there are many possibilities, from making use of free recreational facilities such as libraries to organising together with other unemployed people in Claimants Unions, which not only overcome the isolation of unemployed people but also help ensure they receive the benefits they are entitled to.

When it comes down to it the only bad feature of unemployment you can't abolish by people uniting together is the lack of a reasonable standard of living. The profit dominated economy cannot guarantee satisfying work or a reasonable standard of living. We need to start thinking about how to break out of its restrictions. The work of the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee in producing their 'alternative' plan for Lucas is one extremely worthwhile initiative. We need to create a whole economy where people can express themselves through creative work which is useful for themselves and for people in general. We want more than a guaranteed 50 years on the treadmill!



Persons Unknown

Four months ago two anarchists, Ronan Bennett and Iris Mills, were arrested in a London flat and charged with "conspiracy to cause explosions". Since then, in what has become known as the "Persons Unknown" case, a further four anarchists, Dafydd Ladd, Stewart Carr, Vince Stevenson and Trevor Dawton have now been charged with "conspiracy to cause explosions" following a recent surge in Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) activity. The ATS, in a series of operations co-ordinated by Det.Sup. Peter Bradbury, have concocted an elaborate set of allegations (about which they seem unable to be specific) involving a group of "idealistic persons who would take positive steps to overthrow society".

Iris Mills and Ronan Bennett were picked up on May 24 at their London flat, where police claim to have found chemicals (a small amount of weedkiller!) and some wiring, as well as the fingerprints of Dafydd Ladd (Taff) who was arrested in Finsbury Park, North London on June 2. All three were refused bail in court on June 5, even though Taff was suffering from enteritis and in need of regular medical attention.

Bradbury alleged that if he were released he'd commit "further offences", although he would not say precisely what. The police, he said, were looking for other members of the "idealistic group" which supposedly spread all over the country, and with whom Taff would associate if released. The three were remanded to Brixton prison, where Iris Mills was (and still is) held in solitary confinement, the only woman held there since the Irish Price sisters, three years ago.

On their next appearance, on June 8, Bradbury mentioned for the first time the prospect of charges involving "at least" four robberies and the theft of firearms, some of which had been "recovered" by the ATS.

Once again, Bradbury was able to successfully oppose bail without having to specify exactly what evidence he had against those so far charged. The fact that the ATS has nothing to back up their charges is further illustrated by the random, often bizarre, nature of the raids they've carried out. For instance, they burst into a building in North London only to find that it's now a nightclub, and that the international libertarian centre it once housed had moved out two years ago. They also visited the former address of a worker on the ABC campaign.

Stewart Carr was arrested and held incommunicado for five days before his first appearance in court on June 21, and there followed another crop of raids in London by armed police, in which nothing was found.

Vince Stevenson was arrested in a KGB-style snatch in the street as he was on his way to a meeting of "Persons Unknown" (the group set up in support of those arrested). Another member of the group, arrested with Vince, was later released. About fifteen police leapt from unmarked cars and jumped the two as they walked down a street in London E8, pinned them to the railings, searched them and bundled them into cars and off to Dalston

Police station. They were quickly transferred to Paddington Green after being held illegally for six days. His detention can only have been illegal, as Bradbury denied that he was held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, the only way he could have been held for so long without charge or access to solicitors.

Hysterical reports in the press, notably the Daily Mail, quickly followed, saying that the police had discovered that a group of "extremists, thought to be planning attacks on several establishment targets" had a hidden arsenal of weapons and explosives. Mysterious references were made to a connection with the "Baader-Meinhof gang". Very conveniently, the day after these reports the police announced they'd raided a house in North London, made an arrest and (surprise, surprise) discovered a suitcase containing guns and "hundreds of rounds of ammunition". Subsequently, the arrested man, Trevor Dawton, was charged along with the others.

On July 13, the six staged a demonstration in the dock against the conditions in which they're being held, and were treated violently by the pigs. They were dragged out of court and later brought back individually, having been worked over in the meantime.

Visitors who saw them the following weekend report that they had received further ill-treatment, Taff, Vince and Ronan all having cuts and bruises. When they appeared again on July 20, they were not allowed to appear together as the magistrate "understood that there had been some nonsense in court last week".

During the hearing, Taff's solicitor, David Carter, pressed Bradbury for evidence and in response he said that Taff's prints had been found at the scene of an "explosion in East London", the exact date and location were not revealed, but a witness who "heard a bang" would be produced. Of course, there had been no such explosion, and no other hard evidence was offered.

In opposing bail for Trevor Dawton, Bradbury admitted that his prints had not been found on any of the arms supposedly discovered at his home, but he "had a pair of gloves when he was arrested". The "hundreds" of rounds of ammunition had by this time become "thousands".

July 26. People wearing flak jackets and armed with pistols raided two addresses in Bristol. On July 27, at their weekly remand hearing each defendant received further charges as follows. Trevor Dawton and Vince Stevenson, possession six weapons and ammunition; Taff Ladd, possession of weapon; Iris Mills, Ronan Bennett, possession of three weapons; Stewart Carr, four robbery charges.

The treatment of Iris Mills is a particular cause for concern. As the only woman in Brixton, she is held in solitary confinement and can't associate with the other defendants. It is difficult for supporters to contact her, and there seems to be great strictness about what can be sent in to her. She is now allowed visits with Ronan for a quarter of an hour per week, in a very small, dirty room, with a table between them and in the presence of three warders.

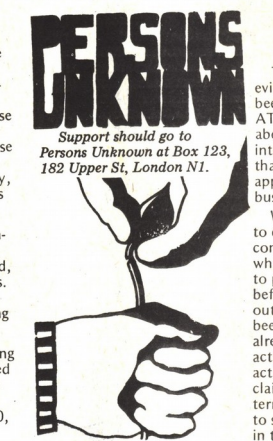
In fact, Iris is being treated in a way that has usually been standard practice for political prisoners in Northern Ireland, and it's quite clear that the security forces are bringing to London techniques they've rehearsed and developed over there, as well as learning from their counterparts in West Germany. It seems that there is an attempt to build Iris up into a figure comparable with Ulrike Meinhof. She's held in Brixton because Holloway women's prison is "not secure enough" for her, and the heavy security surrounding her visits (strip searches before and after) and the inexplicable refusals for some who've applied to visit her are, as the other defendants

All the "evidence" so far presented by Bradbury has been no more than vague hints, and it's clear that they have nothing at all to go on, and that what they're preparing for is a show trial which they see as a vindication of their methods and their treatment of the six so far. If there's any conspiracy in existence, it's a police conspiracy. With the help of the extremely vague conspiracy laws and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, the police can do pretty well what they like. They are making it very difficult for people wishing to visit the accused to get clearance to do so, and it's becoming standard practice to raid these people's homes. It is also now quite usual for persons detained under PTA to be held incommunicado, without access to solicitors or friends. Again, lessons learned in Ulster are proving useful over here.

The fact that there is no hard evidence and the fact that there have been no explosions has not deterred the ATS. After some very adverse publicity about the security forces, into just what the ATS are spending all that time and money on, they apparently feel that they'd better look busy in order to justify their existence.

What they seem to be trying to do is to claim that there is a widespread conspiracy posing a dangerous threat, which the ATS has been sharp enough to pre-empt, by arresting those involved before they've had a chance to carry out whatever they're supposed to have been "conspiring" to do. Bradbury has already claimed in court that ATS action has "nipped in the bud" the activities of the "idealistic group", thus claiming credit for preventing "acts of terrorism", although he has no evidence to show that they were going to happen in the first place.

A show trial in the run up to the election would be a great boost to police credibility, especially after the reductions in numbers in the ATS following awkward questions, and a justification for continuing the "temporary" measures of PTA now that IRA activity has virtually ceased outside Ireland. The government and its chiefs will be able to cite this fit-up as evidence of the need for their "draconian" measures, saying that this is what gets results, that we need to maintain and extend the security apparatus, not reduce it.



have already pointed out, part of a concentrated attempt to break her. She is already under greater stress because of her isolation, and was observed in tears when she had to watch her comrades being viciously beaten-up by the police as their protest in the dock was silenced.

All this is disturbingly familiar to those who have followed the events of the show trials in West Germany during the last few years, and it's impossible not to be struck by the remarkable similarity between the development of military style sections of the police in Britain and the methods of repression used in Germany. Indeed, there have been direct connections here, with a German police officer believed to have been on some of the London raids and several German-speaking British police involved in harassing Germans living in London. Co-operation between European security forces has been on the increase in recent years.

"From what I hear there have been several raids by the Anti Terrorist Squad in London seeking, doubtless, to find the 'British connection' to the much-vaunted international terrorist conspiracy beloved of some politicians, police and military."

"Small groups of agitators or conspiratorial acts may influence to a degree but generally they are just as surprised by the outbreak of rebellion or revolution as the rulers themselves. Examples of this are the Bolsheviks in February 1917 (when Lenin himself had given up all hope) and the IRA in 1968-69. Though always claiming to be one step ahead of the people, they generally have to scramble to keep up with events!"

"While saying the above, I don't mean that we should all sit back. There's plenty to be said, plenty to be done, examples to be set, exposes to be made, issues to be clarified. But the appeal of an urban guerilla group in this country, in this political climate, would be easy for me to resist."

"Meanwhile, of course, Special Branch is having a field day — something for them to do at last."

letter from prison...



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Ronan Bennett B19617 Brixton Prison, London SW2

AXE TO GRIND

FOOD FOR FREE



I work in a shop. As I weigh out grains or vegetables for a customer, or stand totting up the cost of an order, I find myself wondering 'what's the point of this job? I don't feel part of it'. Then I realise why I don't feel a part of it - because what I am doing is not socially necessary or useful work. The work put into growing food & transporting it to the distribution point is socially necessary in that if it wasn't done

we'd starve. But once the food gets to the distribution point, all that's needed is for people to come & help themselves to what they need. All this weighing out specific quantities, and totting up prices, & working out change is a pure waste of time. Of course, I do it so I can get money to go through the whole process again in another shop (and waste someone else's time) to buy the things I need, or

to pay rent to a landlord (which is another stupid arrangement) so I don't have to sleep on the streets. When I think of all the people in jobs like mine, all the time & energy we waste, and what we could do with that time and energy if we were free to use it constructively, I feel sick in my heart. When I consider that to just walk in and take what you need from a distribution point (or shop as they're called) is a criminal offence, my mind boggles at the craziness of the society we live in. I reckon its about time we all took a shake to ourselves, stopped pissing about with stupid laws and ridiculous ways of doing things (such as how we distribute, or restrict distribution of, food) and started to create a society where we can ALL spend our time on useful work, where its necessary, & meaningful, beautiful recreation and leisure in between.

B.F.

reclaim the night :

Women in Glasgow have organized a week of action against rape, during which they hope to show how serious the problem of sexual attacks are on women in the city.

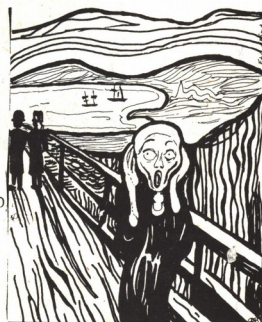
The rape of a woman can only be seen as a denial of her humanity and sexuality and a means by which men assert their so-called 'right of ownership' over a woman's body and soul.

Every woman who has felt a shiver of fear as she passed a man on a lonely street or who has walked in the middle of the road to avoid dark closes has experienced the threat of rape.

A Rape Crisis Centre is open in Glasgow at 146 Holland St, it's run by women who will support a raped woman through the resulting trauma and who will help her should she wish to report the attack to the police. The phone no. is 041-331-2811 Mon-Fri 6-10.30

It is the official policy of the Strathclyde police not to tell women of the existence of the Crisis Centre which is an inhuman refusal to admit the brutalizing effect of rape.

NO MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO RAPE ANY WOMAN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.



NO WOMAN DESERVES OR WANTS TO BE RAPED.

DETAILS OF WEEK OF ACTION. MON 2 OCT-SAT 7 OCT.

Sat 30 Sept...leaflets to be distributed in city. WED 4 OCT...Public Meeting McLellan Galleries 7.30-10

On rape, there will be slides, speakers from the Crisis Centre and Women's Movement, discussion. SAT 7 OCT...Exhibition in Buchanan St precinct. RECLAIM THE NIGHT MARCH. 7pm. rally at Cochrane St., move off at 8pm. To west end via Woodlands Rd. Reclaim women's right to walk at night WITHOUT FEAR! All women welcome.

AS WE SEE IT...

The BBC (Beeh) are back poking their 'noses' in Lilybank. The reason of course is to see how the 4th World is getting on.

Kay C. & the sunshine band will no doubt be treating us to more expert pronouncements on Urban Deprivation & how the State must accept more responsibility for putting things right. The GEAR East-end renewal project will get a pat on the back (after all who is going to criticise Sir William Gray & his 5 figure salary).

Meanwhile the natives are restless. Kay C. might be interested to know of the formation of a Claimants Union in the area & another one to the north in Blackhill. However, Kay's not daft. She & her fellow 'progressive' rulers want community involvement. But the catch is how far this 'involvement' is to go.

Asserting control over one's own life is not to be equated with running one's own exploitation or accepting token democracy rubber stamped from above. The question we asked in no.2 of the GPP still remains: how would Partickhill people react to the treatment & stigma Lilybank has received? Maybe Kay C. wouldn't seem so great then.

The fact is that the concrete jungles (schemes) yesterdays planners dreamt up are getting out of hand and the Authorities realise it's crucial to re-establish localised control over all these 'troublemakers' out there. So, you can stand by for more of these H.M.C.s.

So, in an apparent 'libertarian' move towards decentralisation, the SNP & Labour Party are giving us a revamped Clive House. The Tories, through the Housing Chairman Bailie Derek Wood, have described the SNP document as "A RECIPE FOR ANARCHY".

Local participation, geared to the 'social problem' of controlling schemes such as Castlemilk, Drumchapel and Easterhouse is the new magic ingredient, based on experiences of Sumerston as we reported in GPP no.1 over a year ago. Self-managing an oppressive environment is no recipe for real change.

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Protection

On the wall surrounding the Hillhead station underground modernisation works in Ashton Lane, there is an anti-building-nationalisation poster (see above). One day a socially responsible citizen was passing and felt annoyed by this flagrant blowing of the capitalists' trumpet. On deciding to rip the poster down, he noticed that it was protected by a sheet of glass in a wooden frame, with padlocks. Undeterred, our hero decided to smash the glass and then rip out the poster.

Play Fair

"This is the beginning we will go on fighting" This is the message from the Banner textile factory in Airdrie where 280 women have returned to work.

The vote taken at a mass meeting in Airdrie Town Hall was made mainly out of concern for long-service workers threatened with loss of redundancy and other rights.

The women's problems began a year ago after the time & motion firm Kurt Salmon moved in. Jobs were re-timed and piece-work earning became harder to achieve. Many of the women saw their wages cut by between £10 and £25 a week. Most of the women, all of who do a full 40 hour week found they were taking home little more than the basic wage of £26.

Sproat's Groats

Much publicity has been given to Ian Sproat M P and his Needy and Greedy 'Report'. However instead of reading about so called 'scroungers' GPP thought its readers would like to know how Sproat gets from one week to the next.

He earns £9,500 per year for his hard job in the House of Commons, plus a modest £2,000 London house and car allowance. NoNot bad. But Mr Sproat also happens to be Chairman and Chief Executive of the Sproat Group of Companies which comprises 8 different companies. He is also a director of Authors Int. Ltd., Cyadmare Ltd., and System Publishing Ltd. While he claims to receive only "expenses", the rewards for his services cannot be small.

gear working in unmarked cars. They hang out in pubs looking for under-age drinkers and dope. Car numbers- Light blue 1300 Escort OGB 720P Dark blue 1300 Escort SYS 193R

Rip off

In 1970, "Stephen Hattner," chief teller at a New York bank, decided he was over-worked and underpaid and began using the bank's computer to even the score. Though he understood little of the operations of computers, he had access to the keyboard terminal used to deposit or withdraw money from customers' accounts. By pushing a few buttons, he was able to inform the computer that the customer was withdrawing, say \$50,000. Then he'd simply walk into the vault and put that amount into his pocket. Whenever the customer wanted his money, Hattner could cover the loss by withdrawing money from other accounts again using the terminal. For three years he moved money around in this way, fooling the bank, the customers and even the auditors. When finally he was caught (the police happened to raid the book-maker with whom he was betting the money), Hattner had ripped off one



So, he picked up a brick, swung his arm back, and then SMACK!! nothing.... The glass is reinforced! Obviously CABIN were aware of how unpopular their propaganda was likely to be.

Some people will seemingly go to any lengths - no matter how ridiculous - to further their profiteering ends! A. Anon.

Restriction

An attempt is being made by four county councils, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, Cheshire and West Midlands, to make it an offence to organise a demonstration without informing both the local council and police seven days in advance. These councils have each added this identical clause (which also requires route details, nature and purpose of demonstration and name of a person responsible for organising it) to their respective local bills currently going through parliament. If successful there is no doubt other local authorities will follow suit, resulting in national legislation by the back door, an attack not only general rights of assembly, but more specifically on our right to take spontaneous action.

Source Zero newsmagazine anarchist/anarcha-feminist

The shop stewards approached the management but were shunned for two months. Sickened by the way they were been treated - walked out.

The Manager Mr Playfair (no joke!) promptly sacked them - no redundancy payments, no notice of dismissal, no holiday pay.

The women's union, the National Union of Tailoring and Garment Workers refused to make the strike Official, the demands being outside the Pay policy. The Social Security claimed the women were still striking and refused any payment

As Shop steward Ellen Anderson put it: "Banner shirts are bought by the government for the army, airforce & the police. They sell in shops such as Tesco, Littlewoods & House of Fraser". While Banner profits increase wages are on subsistence level.

Nal-go-stop

NALGO Shop Stewards Committee in a circular to Social Work Depts. state that it deplores the recent appointment of court officers to Social Work Depts. in Glasgow as it apparently creates a greater priority for court work than for other areas such as child care.

However, on the notice board of one local dept. was another circular from NALGO telling its social workers not to pressurise the typists and to remember that COURT AND PANEL REPORTS HAD PRIORITY.

No wonder Glasgow can't keep social workers when they get contradictory instructions like that.

Watch Out!

Two Starsky and Hutch type teams were seen at work in the city centre last weekend. 4 plainclothes police men, long hair, trendy

and a half million dollars. The customers, whose deposits were insured by the U.S. government, lost nothing. The bank lost enough in interest to teach them, perhaps, to pay their employees. Hattner was finally sentenced to 20 months in prison.



A New York customer took even less trouble to obtain a free gift from his bank. When he took out a loan, the bank supplied him with a book of 12 payment slips, one to be enclosed with each monthly payment. He simply tore off the last slip and sent it in with a payment; back came a computer-printed letter from the bank thanking him for paying off his loan so promptly.

Source Black Flag

cop out

Dear GPP,

The page one article on the police in September's GPP reads like a loose sketch of notes for the preparation of an article that somehow got printed by mistake. The first column is okay, but half way down the second column it just falls to pieces & never recovers. You report Harry Ewing's statement that the "pay rises are not the only factors that are attracting 'people' to the police force", and you quote him about "job satisfaction" and "doing a job for the community". There then follows a series of disjointed assertions & opinions with no argument to back them up, and not even a thread to hold them together, finishing off with your customary "only X years to 1984", which I suppose is ragged on to give a general impression of how unfree we all are.

I don't like having to work out what an article is trying to say before I can go on to work out whether and where I agree with what it says.

Also, is the letter from Mr. & Mrs. I. Todd on page nine genuine? I don't think so. I reckon it's a blatant attempt to ridicule a stereotyped reactionary. As such it is a waste of space, or worse, as making a point through ridicule is a good way of avoiding criticism. Incidentally, is it your opinion that reactionaries are confined to Hyndland?



Brian F.
MILNGAVIE.

* why do you put 'people' in inverted commas? Are you implying that people who join the police are somehow subhuman? If so I think this is a very superficial substitute for criticism on the basis that they are people.



full term.

Dear G.P.P.,

Harry Ewing, the Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, responsible for medical services got a lot of press and tv coverage last week on the subject of maternity services in Strathclyde. It was causing him a lot of concern that a large percentage of pregnant women in the region aren't coming forward for ante-natal care until the 8th or even 9th month of their pregnancy. This affects the chance of survival of the foetus and/or baby, as well as the mother's own health.

Fair enough. It IS a cause for concern that so many women are too confused by, and suspicious of doctors and clinics-and their fear leads them to put themselves and their pregnancy at risk.

But my recent experiences made me laugh at Ewing's "concern". I had a miscarriage in April, so when I found out, in August that I was pregnant again



I was determined to demand close medical attention. My doctor confirmed that I was 'at risk' and that the hospital would have to see me as soon as possible.

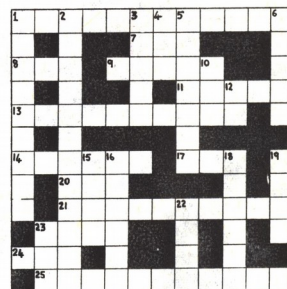
My pregnancy was diagnosed on the 20th Aug. and I will not be given my first medical examination until the 26th Oct. I will be over four months pregnant, and if I am going to miscarry I will have done so before I am examined by a doctor!

So how does Harry Ewing reconcile the need for urgency with a two month waiting list for maternity care?

Yours angrily,

D.S. Maryhill

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SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1. THE AMERICAN CAR HAS A FRENCH NAME - LOUSY IN ORDER TO GOVERN ONE'S OWN LIFE (12)
7. EITHER WAY, IT'S PULP FOR INFANTS (5)
8. AT SCHOOL, THE CAT SAT ON IT (3)
9. SOUNDS LIKE A BOLSHY BEATLE (5)
11. SOUNDS LIKE A PRIZE-WINNING ARISTOCRAT (5)
13. LOST DIARY BUT GAINED ONE FOR UNITY AND SUPPORT (10)
14. WOULD THE ASSISTANT SURGEON DO THIS IN N. IRELAND? (6)
17. LOONY IN THE TEACHER'S UNION (3)
20. HAIL TO CAESAR OR MARIA (3)
21. OVERTHROW THE SYSTEM IN TURN (6)
23. WELL, THIS PENALTY HAS TO BE PAID (6)
24. WE UNDERSTAND THE 20TH LETTER IS A REFRESHMENT (3)
25. SEND VALENTE'S MEN INTO BONDAGE (11)

DOWN

1. DELEGATION FOLLOWS A SMALL PUBLIC NOTICE TO PAY ENTRY FEE (9)
2. A REPTILIAN OAT WITH A SLIPPED DISC. ADVOCATES DICTATORSHIP (12)
3. MARK CERTAINLY HAD A FUNNY NIGHT HERE (5)
4. IN THIS SOCIETY HE'S THE BOSS (3)
5. NOT ALLOWED IN 24 SOCIETY (7)
6. THE ORANGE BUSINESSMAN WOULD PERHAPS SAY YES AND NO TO THIS (5)
10. NEGATIVE BACKWARD WEIGHT (3)
12. NEAR WEATHERBY WITH NO CLIMATE (2)
15. NEVER UP LOST THE HEAD AND THUS BECAME LEVEL (4)
16. TELL ALL CONCERNING CALF FLESH (6)
18. FLIRT ABOUT THE EAST AND DALLY (6)
19. NEW WAVE FUNGUS? (6)
22. AN IMPULSE TO TAKE NOTHING OUT OF ROUGE (4)
23. A CHARGE OUTSTANDING IN STIFF EELS (3)



BARNET cont.

rooms, so estimate over £40,000 gross rake-off! The couple also say that the shared kitchen and bath room need completely gutted but Barnett does nothing except have a cleaner brush around the dirt now and again. So it's not even as if the rooms are worth anything extra - in fact the exact opposite is the case.

Rent Officers Complacency

It can be appreciated then that some of Barnett's tenants are rightly dissatisfied, but their hands are more or less tied. Most are forced to accept a bedsit from Barnett because of the shortage of alternative rented accommodation. And once they take the room there's practically nothing that can be

done about exorbitant rents they're forced to pay.

The Rent Officers in Glasgow do realise that Barnett is abusing the Rent Act but refuse to take any action. The Rent Officers could register Barnett's property at a much reduced fair rent - they admit that the rent Barnett charges is ridiculously high -

but they argue that Barnett would probably take them to court if they did, and Barnett might win because of the loose interpretation of the '74 Rent Act.

However, what the Rent Officers do say is that it's up to the individual tenant to take Barnett to court to try to prove he's abusing the act! However

there's no way a tenant would get Legal Aid to fight Barnett as this would constitute a 'test case', and the Legal Aid Committee doesn't aid test cases.

The question of how long Barnett (and other landlords like him - he's not the only one) will get continue to make a nonsense of Rent Act legislation supposedly designed to protect tenants is an open one. Obviously amending legislation is urgently needed but it's doubtful whether that will be enough given the easy evasion from the '74 Act.

THE GPP WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY TENANT IN A BARNET FLAT OR IN A SIMILAR SITUATION. AN ACTION GROUP COULD BE FORMED TO TAKE ON BARNET. THE GPP KNOW OF AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BEAT BARNET.



"I believe in the status quo—robbing the poor and keeping it."

Nose news

A Nasal contraceptive spray has been devised at Uppsala University in Sweden. For women it acts to suppress ovulation and in men temporarily suspend sperm production. The spray acts on the brain. Tests haven't taken into account sinus trouble as yet.

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ances at future overpriced concerts, next time on a larger scale. They advise people not to buy rip-off tickets, but to wait instead for the free forgeries, and they hope that other groups will copy their actions at other gigs.

Olivia

Travis

Tube

Bringing it all back home

As part of a massive world tour, Bob Dylan recently played a concert at the Sydney Showground in Australia. 30,000 people were crammed into the arena, usually used for cattle shows, and wallowed in thick mud, eight inches deep in places. Dylan and his AGC finance company made £220,000.

A group calling themselves the Sydney Sewer Rats seized the opportunity to fight back by printing 2,000 forged tickets which they gave away free at an anti-Uranium rally on the morning of the concert. In a press release they stated that their aim was to destroy the myth of Dylan the "politically committed superstar who can sing 'Money doesn't talk, it swears' and can still take part in such a blatant rip-off as the Showground gig. 'We're not interested in copstars becoming multimillionaires... we're actively opposed to people who co-opt our culture and turn it into commodities to sell-off at highest possible price.'"

The forgeries, which cost £150 to produce, were good enough to get people into the arena, and the Sewer Rats say they'll stage repeat perfor-

The group picked on Dylan as their first target after he had said, on landing in Australia, that "there's nothing left to protest about". They described him as a singer of "political commodity songs", no different now from any other superstar, who should be ripped off whenever possible. The bringing it all back home leaflet concludes "The most crucial thing we must all do now is to take ourselves and our desires seriously-it's time we stopped looking to politicians, bosses, union bureaucrats, priests, deities and pop stars, and started looking to ourselves and each other. This is the only way we will ever transform our lives."



BOOK REVIEW

THE SLOW BURNING FUSE - The Long History of British Anarchists Paladdin pbk £1.95

This could have been an extremely boring book. Fortunately its the very opposite. What comes over is a history full of life & colourful events & personalities.

From the age of the Chartists the book traces the actions of men and women whose concern was to oppose Privilege in all its forms. The story breaks off, before the revolutionary situation in Spain & the anti-militarism of the 1930s/40s.

At page 5 this hits me:-

"Brought up in the neighbourhood of the West End with the evidence of wealth and luxury confronting me - wealth unearned, comfort undeserved - and with my own undeserved hardships, I needed no lectures upon surplus value or dissertations upon economics to cause me to challenge the justice of a situation which conferred wealth upon the parasites of society and clouds the lives of thousands as it had al-

ready clouded mine with care and poverty". (Frank Kitz). The diverse radicalism, the reaction to industrial & urban transformation, gives way gradually to diverging strands of Marxism and anarchism, although the situation was rarely so clear cut as that (for example, the Socialist League of the 1880s with anti-parliamentarians such as William Morris alongside anarchists).

The years pass, full of incident, & in the workers struggles in the years prior to the outbreak of World War 1 we have a Glasgow Anarchist, John Paton criticising syndicalism, the radical version of Union led struggle:-

"In deciding for the retention of the present organisations, Mann has quite evidently failed to get to grips with the root of the problem he is facing. The curse of Trade Unionism in this country is the centralisation of executive power with its resultant multiplication of officials. The

corresponding stagnation and death of local life is the inevitable consequence.. We must decentralise and as far as possible destroy executive power. Let the workers themselves bear the burden and responsibility of decisive action".



In 1898, David Nicholl wrote:- "But there ain't the go about the propagandist the way there used to be. The 'obnailed boots and corduroys' 'as gone for ever but something else 'as gone and thats the spirit of revolt. If you talk about the Sosharl Revolution the young men snigger. They are too dammed respectable. But the 'obnailed boots and corduroys was 'ungry sometimes & they got wild; they broke winders and sacked shops and made things lively. They did believe in the Sosharl Revolution, they DID".

Other Glasgow personalities such as Guy Aldred feature strongly too. However, the

ebb and flow of the anarchist movement is largely a reflection of the current vitality or otherwise of the struggle of working people against oppression in everyday life.

80 years later the fight against Authorities continues. Its not exactly the same though. The family, sexuality & personal relations are as crucial as struggle at work. As JOHN QUAIL the author says in his 'Personal Introduction'. The focus on people and how they fought for the ideas they believed in rather than ideas in the abstract is the style.



Malatesta in London, July 1896
(In one of the next 2 issues of the GPP we'll focus on a review of libertarian books which capture the spirit of the new movement, worldwide)

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